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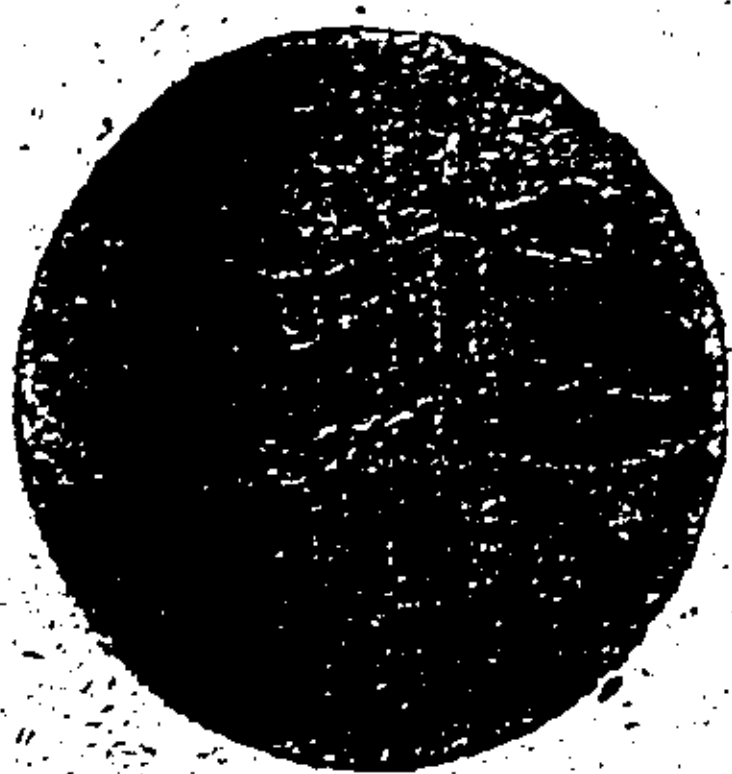
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(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

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NEW JOINT SERVICE FROM CANADA TO THE EAST.

LATEST TYPE OF CARGO STEAMERS.

LONDON, September 22.

The Times Toronto correspondent reports that the head office of the Canadian National Railways announces a joint arrangement between the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, the Canadian National Railways and the British India Steam Navigation Co., under which the Canadian Government Merchant Marine and the British India Co. will each have an equal number of the latest type of steel cargo steamers for a joint service between Eastern and Canadian ports, and India, the Straits Settlements, and Java.

FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

TRIBUTES TO M. DESCHANEL'S SERVICES.

COMING NATIONAL CONGRESS.

LONDON, September 21.

A Havas message states that at today's sittings of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies M. Deschanel's message was read expressing deep regrets at being compelled owing to ill health to resign the presidential office which at the present juncture requires unflinching energy and activity. The Presidents of the two Assemblies next eulogized the patriotism of the ex-President who was carrying away with him the regrets and sympathies of the whole country. Preparations for the coming National Congress are being pushed actively ahead at the Versailles Palace.

MILLERAND HEADS TEST VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

PARIS, September 22.

A test vote for the new President resulted as follows:—M. Millerand, 328; M. Peret, President of the Chamber of Deputies, 157; and M. Bourgeois, President of the Senate, 113.

The test vote was taken at a plenary session of senators and deputies convened to nominate a candidate. The voting was unofficial but was accepted as a real test of strength. M. Millerand is the only official candidate.

OPPOSITION TO MILLERAND.

PARIS, September 22.

Alarmed apparently at M. Millerand's suggestion that the President of the Republic should have more extensive powers, the parties of the left have resolved to oppose M. Millerand's election and have decided to vote at today's preparatory ballot for M. Peret, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, or M. Bourgeois, President of the Senate, in spite of the fact that both have refused to stand as candidates.

STRIKE MENACE.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WITH THE PREMIER.

"APPARENTLY NOT ABORTIVE."

LONDON, September 22.

The fateful meeting of the Triple Alliance was attended by about 500 delegates who met in London to-day to discuss the threatened coal strike. Late this afternoon an official statement was issued to the effect that the Congress had decided to send a deputation to Mr. Lloyd George to urge the acceptance by the Government of the miners' claims. The Congress remains in session in order to receive the report of the result of the conference with Mr. Lloyd George, who has agreed to meet the deputation.

A CHILLY WAIT.

The Triple Alliance deputation had three and a half hours' conference with Mr. Lloyd George in the hope of composing the coal dispute. Nothing was settled but apparently the proceedings were not abortive as the deputation arranged to report to their congress to-morrow. The feeling of the latter will most probably influence the deputation at the subsequent likely meeting with Mr. Lloyd George. Large crowds stood outside Downing Street until the termination of to-night's conference at nine o'clock in chilly weather awaiting the first news of what had happened within doors.

NEW SITUATION.

This level might even be fixed below the present output thus assuring a certain increase in wages immediately. The Government was prepared to make this concession in view of the advantage to the country of securing the relation between wages and output. Mr. Lloyd George urged the miners to suspend the strike notices for a fortnight while they examined with the mine owners the feasibility of this plan. The miners still urged an immediate advance of 2s. but a subsequent conference deliberated privately on the situation created.

AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL.

The deputation attending Downing Street included the miners' executive, Mr. Thomas Cramp, M.P., on behalf of the railwaymen, and Messrs. Williams and Gosling for the transport workers. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Sir Robert Horne, Sir Eric Geddes and Sir David Shackleton. The official report shows that the representatives of the railwaymen and transport workers warmly supported the miners' wages claim. Mr. Lloyd George insisted that if the miners persisted in their demand for increased wages that demand must be submitted to a tribunal whose impartiality the miners could not challenge, but proposed as an alternative to this demand that the miners and mine-owners should meet and agree on a scheme which would make an increase in wages dependent on increase in output. He suggested that the level of output be fixed, all output above this level to involve extra remuneration.

AMERICAN SOCIALISTS.

EXPULSED, RE-ELECTED, AND AGAIN EXPULSED.

ALBANY, September 22.

Three out of the four socialists who were expelled from the New York State Legislature on charges of disloyalty, who were recently re-elected, have again been expelled. The remaining two have resigned.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 4/3 1/2
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EARLIER TELEGRAM.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

FRENCH PRESIDENT.

LONDON, Sept. 20.

A Havas message states that it is announced that M. Millerand has accepted his candidature as President in succession to M. Deschanel.

"ADVERSARIUS" MISSING.

They rang up from the Sailors' Home to-day to say that "Adversarius" has not been back there since the tiffin on the "Kanowna," and that they are beginning to feel anxious. They needn't. The old reprobate is sure to turn up sooner or later. One of our reporters learns that he slept under the verandah of the K.C.C. last night, but there was no trace of him this morning, beyond three or four cigar stubs and an empty bottle bearing the word Tooke.

COSTLY SOUVENIRS.

A GROWING EVIL.

PASSENGERS' PILFERING ON
THE OLYMPIC.

The thirst for "souvenirs" leading to wholesale pilferings of more or less valuable articles by passengers on Atlantic liners was stated to be on the increase in the course of a case at the Southampton Police Court, when Eli and Herbert Ambler, two second-class passengers on the "Olympic," both giving addresses at Los Angeles, California, but said by the police to be natives of Yorkshire, returning to England for a holiday after ten years in the United States, pleaded guilty to stealing two silver plates, ash-trays, valued at 50s., the property of the White Star Line.

Mr. J. C. Hallett, prosecuting on behalf of the company, said that when at Cherbourg, on the complaint of a fellow passenger, prisoners' cabin was searched, one tray was found in a valise and the second on the top of a cabinet. On the previous night the prisoners had been drinking in various parts of the ship, and there was no doubt that the trays, which had the company's mark, had been stolen from the first-class saloon bar. The company felt that it was their duty to bring this case forward, as these thefts of valuable articles were growing, and they wanted to put a stop to it.

Eli Ambler told the court that on the last night of the voyage they were having a jollification on board, and as the second-class bar closed before the first-class they went over to the latter. They saw the trays there, and thought they would make "nice souvenirs." Had they been sober they would not have taken them.

The other prisoner, who told a similar story, said that they did not take the things for their intrinsic value, but as mementoes of the voyage.

The bench imposed a fine of £20 in each case, or one month's hard labour.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

EVENTS FOR YOUNGSTERS.

OFFER OF TWO CUPS ACCEPTED.

Mr. R. C. Witchell, the Hon. Secretary of the V.R.C. has informed the China Mail that the Club has accepted the generous offer of "A Sport" made in our correspondence column yesterday to present two cups for competition in "scratch" events for boys and girls under 12, respectively, to be included in the programme of the forthcoming annual aquatic sports meeting of the Club.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 11.15 a.m. to-day.

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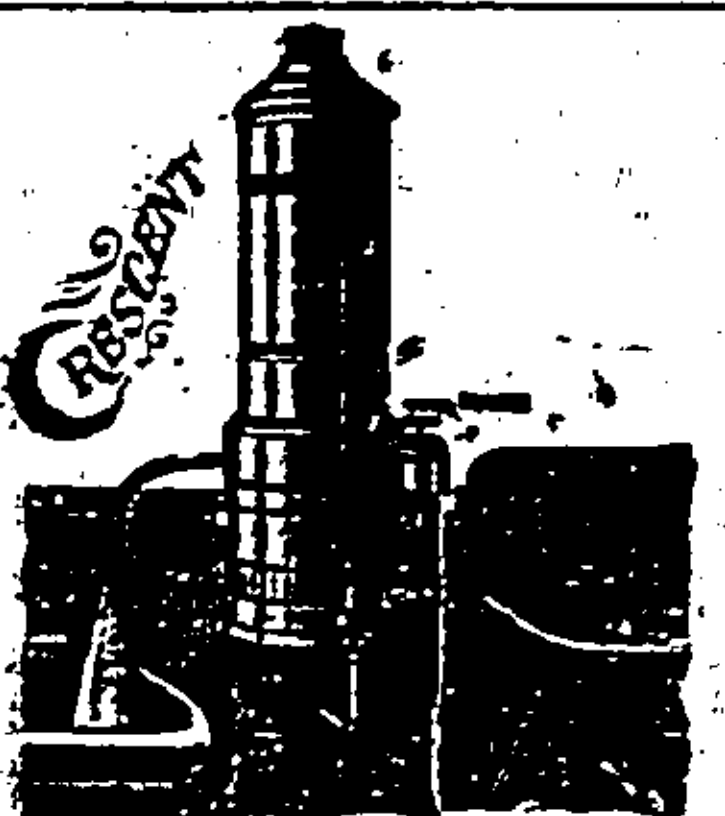
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 1920.

DAIRY FARM AFFAIRS.

The address of the chairman at the Dairy Farm meeting has been seized upon as an opening for more adverse comment, and incidentally the *China Mail* gets into the line of fire. "We have only one further observation to make," says the critic under review (who thereupon proceeds to make nine "observations") "and that is to note with satisfaction that there is no official support in the speech for the suggestion we have seen made elsewhere that it would be more profitable to send all the products of the Dairy to the ships calling at the port."

No such suggestion has ever appeared in the local Press. The *China Mail* published, as a statement made to it by officials of the company, the claim that it would be more profitable to the company to send one of its products (milk) to the shipping. Note the typical carelessness of your controversialist, who writes "all the products" instead of one product, milk, which was the whole point. Note also the plain suggestion, whether so intended or not, that it was a *China Mail* "suggestion," which, getting "no official support," was presumably another of our inventions.

Does the *Daily Press* mean that because Mr. Lee did not trouble to use that argument, it was not, as we represented it to be, an official argument? Does the *Daily Press* want the public to believe that we invented it, that we originated it, that it was a suggestion of our own? Because if not, we must really beg our esteemed contemporary to be more careful with its diction, to weigh its words, and to say no more than it means.

The "suggestion" made elsewhere "was made in these words": "It [the Dairy Farm] claims that it can sell all its milk (not all the products of the Dairy) to the shipping, in bulk, and abolish the cost of distribution, loss on bottles, etc."

In another place we even discovered ourselves from the authority of the suggestion by saying, "If we have been truthfully addressed by the Dairy Farm Co., we object to have it fathered on us by this sort of innuendo. There is by the way, no chance that we are fitting on a cap not meant for

us. We were the only paper in which the argument appeared, and the point is rubbed in that we got "no official support" in Mr. Lee's speech.

Although we do not need such support, and do not depend on it, we are sorry that Mr. Lee did not refer to the suggestion, one way or another. It was a good argument, for use against the grumblers; and would have been much more useful than some of the humbug he did give us, about the business being "looked upon more as a public necessity than as a profit making concern," and about "throwing the Board open to the superficial charge of not having studied the shareholders' interests sufficiently."

Why will men persist in talking fudge?

No one is likely to believe that "the Board" would ever carry on this "public necessity" at a permanent loss. Why should it?

And why seem to pretend that "the Board" has not precisely the same interests as the general body of shareholders? They are shareholders, aren't they? Who is likely to charge them with insufficient study of their own interests?

Mr. Lee said, speaking to shareholders, that "a broader view than that dictated by the desire for gain must guide the Management." If the shareholders thought that was really and truly meant by the Management, they would hasten to replace it with another, and they would be right. The fact is—in our opinion, and in plain *China Mail* language—that the directors would have raised the price of milk long ago, but that they foresaw the fuss that would be made. They knew their public. They shrank from it as long as possible. They raised the price only when they felt obliged to do it, by the pressure of circumstances. This should be their excuse. Any other reason would mean profiteering—greed for extra profit. Those who deny, as the *Daily Press* contrives to seem to do, that they were obliged to do it, virtually accuse them of profiteering. Talk about "broad views" of the public necessity, etc., can only make the grumblers more sceptical.

They could best answer the public criticism by publishing an auditor's certificate, dealing with the actual figures of the milk department.

Those who allege profiteering in milk—do so without evidence, on suspicion; for no such figures have been published. We have taken their part, against the grumblers, on the strength of an official statement, which we believed. But we have no evidence.

The long article in the *Daily Press* supplies none, in spite of its discovery of a supposed discrepancy between the statements of Mr. Scott Harston and of Mr. Lee in turn.

We have noted before our contemporary's nose for discrepancies and inconsistencies. It is out of order.

Mr. Scott Harston was speaking of far past times. Mr. Lee was speaking of recent times. For one man to say that once milk paid better than the other products, and for the other to say that lately the reverse is the case, is not a case of finding "quite the opposite view presented."

We have shown that our colleague is singularly careless in the use of words, and this shows that he does not read them attentively. His own citations show that there was no inconsistency. Last year Mr. Scott Harston said "in the past" so-and-so was. This year Mr. Lee says that now so-and-so is not. Both may be true.

The way we read the quotations (presented by the *Daily Press* as authentic—"not in line" we see Mr. Scott Harston's as very much in line with Mr. Lee's. But if men will commit themselves to such unnecessary and futile binkum as that the Dairy business "has always been" looked upon "more as a necessity than as a profit making concern" (did he say "has always been"? they must expect to be misunderstood by careless or disingenuous critics.

The *Daily Press* criticism, however, carries its own refutations. "We could understand," it says, "the higher charge for milk if the increase in the cost of production had been sudden, instead of progressive, over the long period of eighteen years."

Where's the sense of that? Can not our contemporary understand how it may be the last straw that breaks the camel's back? The fact that there has been no increase of price in 18 years, if it is a fact, helps us to understand the position. Each year, as the progressive increase in cost showed itself, we can picture the camel saying: "Raise the price? Not yet. It is sure to raise a row. Wait a little longer. Then at last its back was broken, and it had to. A sudden increase, on the other hand, might be passed over, once, in the hope of an equally sudden reverse movement."

The *Daily Press* says "we are not arguing that the recent increase in the price of milk is not justified." Then what on earth is it arguing? What else is there to argue? That "no adequate case has been presented"? How can the camel submit an adequate case, if you are going to give him the lie direct, on such flimsy grounds, when you are, as you admit, "in no position to do that"?

The explanations that we took the trouble to ask the Company's officials for satisfied us. They seemed reasonable. We believed them. But if it can be shown that the Dairy Farm Company is making handsome profits on milk, sufficient to make the recent rise in price (for which the other papers do not pretend to show) just watch how we go for them. We have no particular love for the Dairy Farm directors, as is fairly well known; we hold no shares in it; and of course we have not, as one newspaper man chivalrously suggested, been "squared." (See what we have to endure.)

We have simply written as we thought, trying to be fair as usual, and above all, trying to talk sense. Have we succeeded?

So, now we come to an observation made by the *Daily Press* after its "only one further," an observation perhaps the most important that it made.

It asked "whether there is no obligation on the Company to provide for the community in view of the special concessions made by the Government to the company in the matter of the tenure of the farm land."

What were those special concessions? We have a right to know. There have been special concessions, unfortunately, to far too many of "the interests," but this is the first we have heard of any to the Dairy Farm.

We have been told that all the Farm land that the company holds was "got in" the usual open way, and that furthermore, it actually got "pieces of land put up to auction, only to be overbid by other purchasers." If that is true, the special obligation is on the Government, to see that people starting public utility enterprises should not be thus victimized.

Building development in the upper end of Happy Valley has been held back by the Government's supposed obligations to one foreign religious organization, and it is time something was done about it. These organizations should not be allowed to own land here at all. Suggested new slogan: No more foreign land grabbers. Hongkong for British subjects.

If the Dairy Farm people do enjoy any "special concessions" by way of land tenure—it is up to

them to admit or deny it—the *China Mail* wants to know how and why they got them. In spite of the baldness of the higher position than "desires for gain" (what rot!) they were and are a money-making concern, and should not have public land except on public terms.

We are told that it is a mere's nest the *Daily Press* has thus discovered. We want to know. As soon as we know, we will speak of it again.

Before leaving the subject, we too must make "one further observation," which is that this "slashing and public spirited" attack on the Dairy Farm Company, which "desires to wound, but hesitates to strike," cannot avoid the sort of fudge and cant for which we accused Mr. Lee. It slanders about "the immense debt of gratitude" we owe to the enterprise, as if we hadn't paid up honourably for our milk and sausage and capons.

"Never in our thoughts," it says, should we suspect it of indifference to our interests. Waw! A man who is as grateful and respectful as all that, and who yet makes such a hullabaloo about three cents more on a pint of milk, is a strangely inconsistent fellow. He is nearly as bad as the Methodist who bawls: "Were the whole realm of nature mine"

It were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my life, my soul, my all

and then puts a specially selected threepenny bit in the offertory. If "all who dwell here" owe to these milk purveyors "an immense debt of gratitude," we suggest that the three cents more per pint may be regarded as a small instalment on account, and less fuss made about it.

THEATRE ROYAL

BANDMAN CO. SEASON.

"THE YELLOW TICKET."

The Bandman Comedy Company are to be congratulated upon the outstanding ability with which they presented "The Yellow Ticket" to an appreciative audience in the Theatre Royal last night. The "Yellow Ticket" is a powerful melodrama staged in the St. Petersburg of the Tsarist regime when the all-powerful secret police could strike terror to the hearts of the persecuted under the abominable system, rotten with tyranny and injustice, which permitted deportation to Siberia without trial.

The story of the "Yellow Ticket," the intense drama of which is relieved here and there by flashes of dry humour, centres around thrilling episodes in the life of a young Jewess, one of the despised and persecuted race in Tsarist Russia, whose desperate efforts to preserve her honour place her in the meretricious clutches of the unprincipled Chief of Police, from whose house she escapes only after stabbing him to death with a hat pin. The brutal methods of the secret police are revealed in the investigation which follows, and the excitement culminates in the rescue from exile of the young Jewess by a fearless British journalist who has been her friend and lover from the first.

Loud applause at frequent intervals bespoke the admiration of the audience last night for the dramatic effect with which the players invested their respective parts. Miss Beryl Barracough fulfilled the role of the tragic young Jewess with a passion and spirit worthy of the highest praise, and more than deserved the commendation which greeted her faithful portrayal of an exacting part. Mr. Clive Woods, acted with sincerity as the fearless journalist, while Mr. Philip Carlton, as the unscrupulous Chief of Police, and Mr. Carl Lawson, as his brutal assistant, were both impressive. The other parts were sustained with equal ability.

To-night the Company will play "Billeted," a delightful comedy which achieved considerable success in London.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The 4,000 barbers in Canton who recently organized a club are planning to organize a guild there shortly.

A plainly dressed woman created a sensation in a Chatham bank by offering £400 in gold in exchange for Treasury notes.

There have been very few foreign visitors in Canton during the last few days, no doubt, on account of the present political situation.

Mr. W. J. Trowell, Surveyor-General of Ships, S.S., and Chief Inspector of Machinery, F.M.S. will be leaving for Home very shortly on Government service.

The s.s. "Taming" arrived in port on Wednesday from Manila, with a propeller damaged during the typhoon. She is now at the Talkoo Dock, undergoing repairs.

Some 3,600 copies of Hongkong newspapers were seized and forwarded to the Canton Military Administration by the Superintendent of Customs during the last few days.

Two men were arrested by the Canton military authorities on September 20, as soon as they landed from one of the Hongkong steamers. The accused were said to be rebels.

Medical men in Paris are alarmed at the menace of infection from rats, eight million of which, it is calculated, infest the capital. The Press is supporting their appeal, and urges the need for action by the authorities.

Yesterday the s.s. "Montrose" was towed into port from Manila by the s.s. "Nipic" after being damaged in collision with the s.s. "Yuen-sang" in Manila harbour during the recent typhoon. The "Montrose" is docked at Talkoo.

It is stated that H. M. Transport "Bremen" leaves England early in November with crews for H.M.S. "Carlisle" and "Tamar," and will return with all military details and naval ratings due for Home, from China and the Straits.

Yesterday the C.P.O.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia" took away a larger number of passengers than for three years past. Amongst those leaving were the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. N. J. Stabb, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pentreath, Mr. and Mrs. Plummer and Mr. C. E. Richardson.

A successful whist drive was held in the Garrison Sergeants' Mess on Wednesday evening. The fortunate players were as follows:—Ladies—1, Mrs. Staple, (148); 2, Mrs. Taitam, (147); 3, Mrs. Beard, (142); Hidden No. Mrs. McCarthy (116). Gents—1, Sgt. Andrews, (151); 2, S.A. S. Eddenhall (147); 3, Sgt. Doe (143); Hidden No. Sgt. Matthews, (113). The duties of M.C. were carried out by 1st. Cl. S. M. Stroud, R.A.S.C.

German merchants are beginning to do good business in Canton because many Chinese are in need of German goods, especially their dyes and steel articles, says the *Canton Times*. There are 15 German merchants and five German firms now in Canton. The offices of Messrs. Jensen & Co., Messrs. Carl Boedicker & Co., Messrs. Reuter Brockelmann & Co. and A. Berlinger are located over the Southern China Bank on the West Bund, while the office of Carlowitz & Co. is located at Salkwan. All the German firms here are engaged in the import and export business.

From Mr. C. W. Jeffries, acting Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, we have received a copy of the Meteorological Records of the Colony from 1884 to 1918 compiled in handy form by him and published by Messrs. Noronha & Co., the Government printers. The booklet, which is on sale at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh and Messrs. Noronha & Co., contains much useful and accurate data neatly tabulated relating to Barometric Pressure, Temperature, Vapour, Tension, Sunshine, Rainfall, Wind Velocity, etc.

What is possibly the largest blue sapphire ever found in Ceylon is reported to have been picked up by Mr. E. A. Delgado, Mr. A. Wijetilleka and Mr. A. C. Attygalle, at Ratnapura. These gentlemen are said to have found a stone of the weight of no less than 37 rupees. One of the leading Port Jewellers informed a Ceylon Observer representative that if the stone really did weigh 37 rupees it was undoubtedly the largest one found in Ceylon. The question of price would depend on the quality of the stone.

RHEUMATISM.

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SPECIAL CABLE.

"ALTENBURG" ABANDONED.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS CEASE.

INQUEST ON GAS VICTIMS.

[*China Mail* Special.]

SINGAPORE, Sept. 23.

It is understood that operations have ceased on the "Altenburg" and that the ship is abandoned. An inquest is proceeding on the six victims of gas poisoning aboard.

NOT GUILTY.

COOPER ACQUITTED.

SINGAPORE MOTORING FATALITY.

[*China Mail* Special.]

SINGAPORE, Sept. 23.

A verdict of not guilty was returned at the Assizes in the case in which A. W. Cooper, a European municipal servant, was charged with causing death by a rash act. The accused was driving a car which collided with a tree. His companion Stapp was killed.

FATAL QUARREL.

KOWLOON MURDER CHARGE.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

A Chinese was yesterday afternoon charged before Magistrate Dyer Ball with the murder of another Chinese at No. 7, Old Dock Terrace, Kowloon Docks, on September 8.

The defendant, who was not represented by counsel, pleaded "not guilty."

Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. In opening the case for the Crown he said that the deceased and the defendant lived together. They were coolies engaged in the demolition of certain houses at Kowloon. Hearing a quarrel, a witness went to the first floor of No. 7 Old Dock Terrace, and there found defendant engaged in an altercation with deceased in the latter's room. At that time defendant was holding a Chinese pillow and deceased had a biscuit tin in his hand. Failing to stop the quarrel, the witness went away. He returned with another man and saw defendant standing by the deceased's bed. He told deceased and defendant not to hit each other or words to that effect. Deceased stated that he had been already hit in the side by defendant and complained of pain. A doctor and deceased's son were sent for and in the interval defendant left the house. He was, however, followed by another coolie and arrested.

Dr. Murray, officer in charge of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, stated that deceased died of rupture of the spleen, which could have been caused by a blow.

After other evidence defendant was committed to the Sessions for trial.

DRINK AND GAMBLING.

A'CHEQUERED CAREER.

HONGKONG ENGINEER'S FRAUDS.

Drink and gambling were stated to be the causes of the downfall of John Gordon Grant, an ex-Army officer, who pleaded guilty at Aberdeen to a remarkable series of eleven charges of fraud and theft. On his behalf it was urged that he had been for many years in the Colonies, and while there had sunstroke. He came home and joined the Army, and was demobilised in January this year with the rank of captain. The Colonel under whom he had served stated that he was an excellent officer, particularly in the Labour Company, because he had a good knowledge of Chinese. He had tried his best to get a situation, but failed, and because he could get nothing to do he took to drink and gambling, and got hard up for money.

Mr. MacLennan, prosecuting, explained that accused came of very respectable people in Morayshire. He served his apprenticeship as a civil engineer in Inverness, and went to South Africa, where he served in the war. From there he went to the Colonies, and finally landed in Hongkong, where he was employed as a civil engineer in a Government department. Since that time his career had been somewhat chequered. His relatives in Morayshire had not heard much of him. The value of the actual goods obtained in hotels, etc., without payment, amounted to 367 6s., and the articles got by their amounted to £17 10s., while the sums involved in attempted frauds amounted to from £30 to £40. Accused was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment.

Beginning August 15, "WALLA WALLA" BOATS will call on all Ships flying the call flag "ZED."

STRAITS CIVIL SERVICE.

FURTHER INCREASED PAY.

MARRIED MEN'S ALLOWANCE.

H. E. the Governor of Singapore, with the approval of the Secretary of the State for the Colonies, has been pleased to sanction, as a purely temporary measure, with effect from Jan. 1st, 1920, the payment of the following allowances to all European officers in appendices A. and B. on their salaries, as revised by the Public Services Salaries Commission, and to other European officers on agreement on their salaries thereunder:

(a) An allowance of 20 per cent. to be drawn on substantive salaries as revised, up to £1,200 per month, with a maximum of £120 per month, on salaries above £1,200 per month, an allowance of 10 per cent. (c) A further additional allowance to married officers of 20 per cent. on substantive salaries, with a maximum of \$160 per month.

Therefore an officer whose substantive salary per month is:

(1) \$400 receives as temporary allowance 20 per cent. of \$400, i.e. \$80 (total \$480). If married, receives further 20 per cent. of \$400 (total \$560).

(2) \$600, receives as temporary allowance 20 per cent. of \$600, i.e. \$120 (total \$720). If married, receives further 20 per cent. of \$600 (total \$840).

(3) \$800, receives maximum temporary allowance of \$120 (total \$920). If married, receives in addition 20 per cent. of \$800 (total \$1,080).

(4) \$1,000 receives maximum temporary allowance of \$120 (total \$1,120). If married, receives in addition 20 per cent. of \$1,000 (total \$1,280).

(5) \$1,300 receives 10 per cent. of \$1,300 i.e. \$130 (total \$1,430). If married receives maximum married allowance of \$160 (total \$1,590).

The allowance to married officers will be paid only to those who, being contributors to the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund, have complied with Section 15 of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund Ordinance of 1904, and to such officers, not being contributors to the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund, as satisfy their heads of departments by affidavit or otherwise that they are married.

This allowance is only payable provided that (a) the wife is alive and being supported by the officer or (b) the wife is dead and there are surviving one or more children being supported by the officer.

These allowances will be based on substantive salaries only and will not be granted in respect of acting pay or allowances. They will be payable on salary drawn during leave.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. WITCHELL.

Hon. Sec.

[The gentleman prefers to remain anonymous, and to donate through the *China Mail*.]

Hongkong, September 24, 1920.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGERS PER S.S. "THEIRASIA."

[To the Editor of the "*China Mail*."] F

SIR.—With reference to your issue dated the 23rd inst.:

"Mrs. A. T. Wynyard-Wright" should read Captain A. T. Wynyard-Wright. Would you kindly insert a correction as this error is causing me unnecessary congratulations.—I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. T. WYNYARD-WRIGHT.

Hongkong, September 24, 1920.

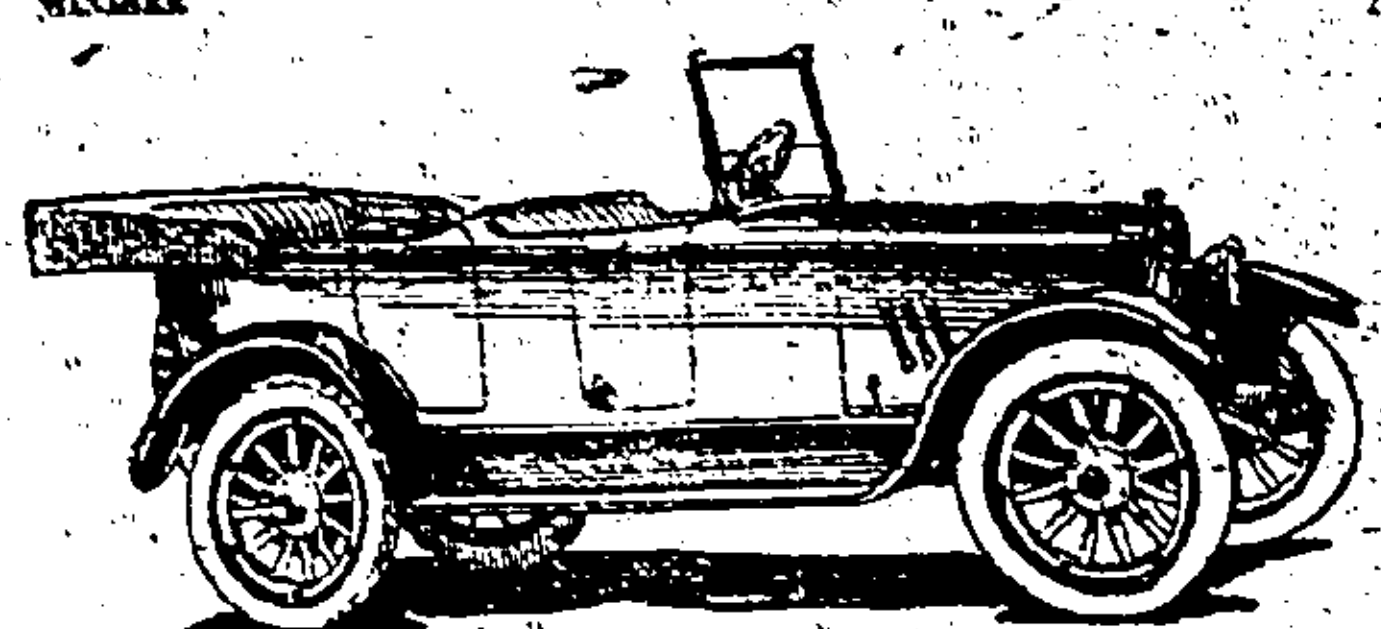
INTERPORT TENNIS.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

SHANGHAI TO MEET HONGKONG.

The Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association has accepted Hongkong's challenge for an interport competition at the same time as the cricket interport here in November. A meeting of the committee appointed to form the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association is being held at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 27th inst., at H.E.C.C. pavilion, to consider the letter. At the same time the rules of the new Hongkong Association will be drawn up.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

FRUITS OF DEMOCRACY.

ALL ATTAINED BY CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS.

PREMIER'S DECLARATION.

LONDON, September 22.

In a letter to the Coalition candidate for the Ilford by-election, Mr. Lloyd George enumerates the substantial benefits British Democracy has won in the past 20 years by constitutional means in a land than which there is no freer under the sun. He declares that the solid attainment of a generation would be lost in one night if the Labour extremists got their way. He refers to the conditions in Russia where Sovietism has reduced the people to a state forcibly reminding of the Dark Ages. Whatever freedom the workers there enjoyed under the old despotism had been completely taken away by the new tyranny.

SOVIET IN EARNEST?

POLISH PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN.

LONDON, September 22.

A telegram from Riga dated September 21 shows that the Polish and Russian peace conference has begun sitting, the delegations having been duly verified. Polish circles are disposed to believe that the Soviet is now in earnest as regards peace.

BIG POLISH OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, September 22.

While the Bolsheviks report a big Polish offensive in the region of Grodno, the Poles claim to have captured Rovno. A Bolshevik cavalry regiment surrounded. The Poles took a thousand prisoners north of Prypec.

EMPIRE RESOURCES

NECESSITY FOR NETWORK OF WIRELESS STATIONS.

AN ALL-RED AIR ROUTE.

TORONTO, September 22.

The Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire passed a resolution urging the overseas representation on the Imperial Shipping Committee taking all practicable measures to develop the resources of the Empire, especially cotton growing, and also urging the necessity of a network of high-power wireless stations throughout the Empire, favouring preference and the establishment of an imperial air fleet and an all-red aircraft route round the empire.

HIGH INDIAN APPOINTMENTS.

NEW UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

LONDON, September 22.

Lord Lytton has been appointed Under Secretary of State for India in succession to Lord Sinha, who was recently appointed Governor of Bihar and Orissa.

[Lord Sinha, of Rajpur, who was appointed to the exalted position of Governorship of Bihar and Orissa, is the first Indian who has been given so high a post. Lord Sinha was also the first Indian who was taken as Law-member in the Viceroy's cabinet, the first to become the Administrator-General of Bengal, the first to become an Under-Secretary of State for India and afterwards the first to receive a peerage.]

DEAD PIGS NEXT!

SINS OF THE UNLICENSED HAWKER.

MAGISTRATE PREFERS LIVE CHICKENS.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme, at the instance of Sergeant Shaftain, of No. 2 Police Station, with unlawfully selling chickens in St. Francis Street, Wanchai, without a permit, and with assaulting a constable who attempted to arrest him.

With regard to the first charge, the defendant said that he did not sell the chickens. He was delivering them to a woman at Tai Lungchui as a present from his sister. On the way he met a friend and stopped to chat with him. The constable saw them and thought he was selling the chickens to his friend.

Asked about the other charge, the defendant said that was not true. "How could I dare assault a constable?" he asked.

The constable said that he was off duty yesterday and was taking a stroll in St. Francis Street when he heard the defendant call out "mai kai" (chickens for sale) twice. He then saw a woman approach the defendant and enquire the price, and heard the defendant ask for 45 cents a catty. Witness accosted the defendant, and seeing his basket said: "You have

no right to sell chickens here." He was about to arrest the defendant, when several men fell on him, and assaulted him. The defendant took part in the assault. Witness blew his whistle and C.C. 328 came to his assistance. The crowd then dispersed, and witness and C.C. 328 took the defendant to the station. A crowd followed them all the way to the station using insulting language. They even went to the extent of creating a disturbance outside the station, and had to be dispersed. The defendant encouraged the crowd to follow them, assuring them that there would be no consequences if they remained outside the station.

After hearing the evidence of the other constable the Magistrate said he had a doubt about the assault, but he would convict the defendant on the other charge.

Inspector Willis said that the case was a serious one as the defendant did not pay for a licence, and sold chickens almost outside the doors of others who did.

Sergeant Shaftain said that persons who paid for licences rightly objected to people like the defendant taking their trade away.

The Magistrate: But it is a convenience to buy chickens right at your door.

The Sergeant: Undoubtedly, but the defendant must have a licence. If we allow these people to sell chickens now they will be hawking dead pigs next!

The Magistrate: I don't mind buying a live chicken, but certainly not a dead pig. (laughter). A fine of \$10 was imposed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

LATE MR. HUTCHISON.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

At St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening, a memorial service was held for the late Mr. R. O. Hutchison, who met his death in tragic circumstances at Deep Bay two Sundays ago. Many friends of the deceased were present. The service was conducted by the Rev. V. H. Copley, Molye, the Cathedral Chaplain, and the choir was present. Two hymns were sung, the first being "Peace, Perfect Peace" and the other, "On the Resurrection morning, soul and body meet again; no more sorrow, no more weeping; no more pain." At the conclusion of the service Mr. Denman Fuller, the Cathedral Organist, impressively played the Largo of the "Dead March" the congregation standing.

Mrs. R. O. Hutchison (widow) attended the service, and among others present were H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs (attended by Lieut. McConnell, A.D.C.) the Acting Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E.), the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz), Mr. Wood, Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Hon. Mr. A. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Hon. Mr. Lau Chupak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. F. Maitland, Archdeacon Barnett, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse, C.I.E., Major C. C. Wilson, O.B.E., Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mr. F. G. Jenkin, C.B.E., Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr. A. Dyer, Mr. C. J. Lafrance, Mr. C. Blaker, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. H. T. Jackson, Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P., Mr. A. Burlingham, A.S.P., Mr. L. E. S. Hodge, Mr. J. Hooper, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. H. L. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. B. McDermid, Mr. C. H. Lyson, Mr. A. E. Hall, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. R. H. Kote-wall, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Mr. F. Jack, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. C. E. Rasser, Mr. A. H. Crew, Mr. A. J. W. Rasser, Mr. B. A. Hale, Chief Inspector Kerr, Inspectors Kent, Grant and Purdon, Court Interpreters, and the Clerical Staff of the Magistracy, and many others.

CANTON PRESS CENSORS.

WHAT NEXT?

NEWSPAPER IN DESPAIR.

The press censors, backed by the Tachun, will now have to look over the Canton Times, from a wanted advertisement to the leading article, before it may go to press, declares that journal in despair. The request of the editor to have the censors call at his office instead of his submitting the copies to them at the Press Association has been refused, in spite of the fact that it will be easier for them to come from their homes to the office of the Times than to go to the Press Association. God only knows what will be the next thing to happen. The Canton Times will never be able to get all their copies ready and publish them within the three hours allowed.

In another column under the headings of "For Information of Officials" and "Casting Pearls before Swine" our contemporary quotes Justice Fawcett of Brooklyn, N.Y., as follows:—

"The press is the lever that moves the world as no other earthly power could move it. It should not be hampered while in the lawful pursuit of gathering news, or interfered with while honestly disseminating really important information for its readers."

OBITUARY.

MR. AU TACK J. P.

DEATH IN SHANGHAI.

Many of his friends in Hongkong will deeply regret to learn of the death of Mr. Au Tack, an old merchant of this Colony. He had not been well for some time and went to Shanghai two months ago for a change, where he died in the Au Chak Man Sanatorium, of which we understand, he was the founder.

In the last fifty years Mr. Au had built up the well known business known as A. Tack and Co., but on account of indifferent health he retired from business a few years ago. He was a man of public spirit and supported many of the local charitable institutions. He was also one of the promoters of the gigantic scheme of the Kowloon Bay Reclamation. His genial disposition had won him many friends in this Colony and his widow and family have the sincere sympathy of all in their bereavement. We understand his remains will be conveyed to the Colony for burial in about 10 days time.

A NOVEL CASE.

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL FUZZLED.

QUESTION OF LIABILITY.

A novel case in which it remains to be solved whether a member of the crew of a vessel who inflicts injuries upon another member is liable for the medical expenses of the injured party has been presented to the customs officials by two of the crew of the shipping board ship "Eastern Mariner."

It appears that while the "Mariner" was at anchor in Cebu on August 22, last, Jesus Fernandez was wounded by Manuel Molina, both of whom are members of her crew. Molina used a knife in attacking Fernandez. The case was brought to the court of the instance of Cebu, but was dismissed.

After the dismissal of the case, the representatives of the shipping board asked the customs officials for a ruling so as to compel the aggressor to reimburse the board for the expenses incurred in the medical treatment of the wounded man.

The customs officials are puzzled. A search of customs regulations and law has failed to give them any authority to decide the case one way or another. For this reason the insular customs collector has referred the matter to the Washington authorities, the party which asks for reimbursement being the shipping board.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant.

Friday, Sept. 24, 1930.

Orders for Artillery Company by Lieut. J. S. McCann.

PARADES & LECTURE.

There will be a parade and lecture on "Gunnery" for the Artillery Company at Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday, 28th September, at 6 p.m.

DRESS.

Drill Order.

Orders for Cadet Company by Lieut. A. J. M. Weyman.

PARADES.

A general parade of all Cadets and Recruits will be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 28th September, at 5.30 p.m.

DRESS.

Drill order.

CLASS OF INSTRUCTION. A class of instruction for N.C.O.s will be held at Headquarters on Thursdays starting on Thursday 30th September, at 5.30 p.m.

STRENGTH.

Cadet H. S. Warten having left the Colony, is struck off the Strength of the Company.

(sd.) G. F. E. Rapson, Bt-Major, Adjutant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Hongkong, September 24, 1930.

TO-MORROW AT THE CINEMAS

at 2.30 p.m.

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THE CORONET.

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AT

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at 9.15 p.m.

"WIVES OF MEN"

etc.

THE BAND OF S.S. "KORRA MARU"

in attendance.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

-WANTED-

WANTED.—A YOUNG GENTLEMAN wishing to learn SPANISH. George to get in touch with one who is willing to teach after Office hour. Reply stating term to XX care of "China Mail."

NOTICE.

ALL those desirous of PLAYING FOOTBALL for the R.K.F. Club, during the coming season, please send in their names to M. L. RALTON, c/o Messrs. JAMES, MASON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, September 24, 1930.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

at the KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL (By kind permission of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, Sir R. E. STILES, K.C.M.G.), On MONDAY, October 4th, at 5.45 p.m.

Kowloon Residents specially invited.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (For Account of the Concerned),

OR

TUESDAY,

September 24, 1930, at 4.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.—One 1 1/4 plate Reflex Camera. Zeiss lens, for plates or film. Two sextants by Coles London, & Dobbie Glasgow, respectively. One Microscope by Beck London, with specimen slides, etc. One 12 bore Hammerless gun with case. Terms:—Cash.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE CHINESE ESTATE PROPERTY to sell by Public Auction,

OR

THURSDAY,

September 30, 1930, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,

including:—A few lots of Curio, Household Effects, Sundry Glass and Crockery Ware, Photographic Goods, a few Silver Articles, etc. On view day of sale. Terms:—Cash.

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FAREWELL BANQUET.

DEPARTURE ON RETIREMENT.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, September 24. The Municipal Council gave a farewell banquet to M. Siffert, the Belgian Consul, on the eve of his retirement. The community feels his departure very much.

EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS' JAIL.

SHANGHAI MAN CONVICTED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Sept. 24. W. F. Cameron has been set to build for 18 months for embezzling goods valued at \$2,000, the property of Andersen, Meyer, and Co.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE.

FROM SHANGHAI.
Sept. 20. B. F. Ajax.
Oct. 7. B. F. Scentor.
14. P. O. Duna.
18. B. F. Teirelas.
20. B. F. Koshima.
21. B. F. Telamon.
22. B. F. Helenus.
23. B. F. Antiochus.
24. B. F. Flapoor.
25. B. F. Atrous.
26. B. F. Orestis.
27. B. F. Maren.
28. B. F. Dandren.

FROM JAPAN.
Sept. 21. K. I. A. Tando.
Oct. 1. K. I. A. Tama Maru.
2. B. F. St. Albans.
3. B. F. Eurypylus.
4. B. F. Nankin.
5. B. F. Gregory Appar.
6. B. F. Tulus.
7. B. F. Pelias.
8. B. F. Kashan.
9. B. F. Torilla.
10. B. F. Alipore.
11. B. F. T-kada.
12. B. F. Telamara.
13. B. F. Jason.
14. B. F. Agapoor.
15. B. F. Idoreus.
16. B. F. Novas.
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FROM MANILA.
Oct. 10. B. F. Teuer.

FROM BOMBAY.
Oct. 2. P. O. Duna.

FROM CALCUTTA.
Sept. 27. N. Y. K. Kimo Maru.
Oct. 1. B. F. Telas.
2. B. F. Telas.

FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.
Sept. 25. A. O. Champa.
Oct. 12. E. A. Easton.

FROM VANCOUVER.
Oct. 18. C. P. O. S. Montague.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.
Oct. 2. T. K. K. Siberia Maru.

FROM SEATTLE.
Nov. 8. B. F. Jaxon.
23. B. F. Talithine.
Dec. 18. B. F. Tyndarus.
Jan. 8. B. F. Teuer.
Feb. 1. B. F. Jaxon.
21. B. F. Talithine.

FROM LOS ANGELES.
Oct. 10. L. A. P. N. Vinta.
Nov. 1. L. A. P. N. Westmont.
Dec. 1. L. A. P. N. Westmont.

FROM LONDON.
Sept. 28. N. Y. K. Kimo Maru.
Oct. 1. B. F. Telas.
12. P. O. Duna.
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23. N. Y. K. Kimo Maru.
24. B. F. Telas.
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FROM LIVERPOOL.
Oct. 5. B. F. Koshima.
6. B. F. Telamon.
10. N. Y. K. Kimo Maru.
11. B. F. Teuer.
12. B. F. Telas.
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FROM HAMBURG.
Nov. 2. N. Y. K. Kimo Maru.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Sept. 24d. 12h. 12h. Warning to Hongkong. A Typhoon in Lat. 14° N. Long. 118° E. moving W.N.W.

Sept. 24d. 12h. 12h. No return from Japanese stations.

Pressure has increased moderately at Hongkong, and decreased slightly at the majority of other stations. The approximate position of the typhoon is Lat. 14° N. Long. 118° E. moving W. or W.N.W.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.08 inch. Total since January 1st, 28.75 inches, against an average of 74.08 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on September 25th.

1. Hongkong to Gap. Rock E. and N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

2. Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1920. a.m.

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